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A frequently used but little studied aspect of our near physical environment is the transitional areas between buildings or leading into or out of buildings. These spaces are usually public spaces, at least in urban areas, but they can or do perform a number of functions influential on human behavior.

These would include: visual separation or connection, territorial definition, traffic control, environmental variables (light, temperature, sound, wind) control, security, behavioral patterns (area use or human activities).

These functions of the transitional zones can be affected by the material used, changes in elevation, degree of privacy, transitional definition between public and private areas, changes in scale, orientation and the degree of the extended visual field. Provisions should also be made for use of the spaces by the physically handicapped.

With the increasing density of urban areas, and rising crime rates, investigations of physical environments that can affect the quality of life, such as transitional spaces, is needed.

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